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Mountainview Colts player Payton Perigny attempts to score against the Ponoka Stampede's goalie during their game at the Didsbury Memorial Arena last Saturday. The Colts won 8-3

Noel West/Didsbury Review

Concerned calls for pets on the rise during cold snap Record low temperatures can be dangerous for pets

BY MADISON SAMUEL-
 BARCLAY
 Review Staff

Central Alberta experienced a harsh cold snap, with temperatures plunging to -50 degrees Celsius with the wind chill.

While the intense cold can be hard on humans, it can sometimes be even harder on pets, specifically outdoor dogs, and the feral cat population.

Animal control officers and even the RCMP have received an increase in concerned calls regarding pets left outdoors in the bitter cold, which is normal for this time of year, according to Peace Officer

Derek Sutherland, but considering the extremely low temperatures, it can be very detrimental to the furry parties involved.

"When it's -46 with wind chill, people get concerned, if they see a dog out in cold weather unattended," said Sutherland. "When we get a call like that we investigate the complaint and inspect the property for the dog's safety, and if we see that the complaint is valid, we'll enter into dialogue with the owners."

"Owners usually aren't trying to do the wrong thing though, they just don't realize it, and educating them a bit usually

resolves the matter," said Sutherland. "In some instances though, like when we cannot locate the dog, multiple complaints are phoned in over time or the owners are not co-operative, charges are laid under the Animal Protection Act."

The Animal Protection Act requires that no person shall cause an animal distress, distress being defined as a lack of adequate shelter, food, water, or in instances of extreme heat or cold.

"Most dogs left outside are considered 'outside' dogs, these dogs are typically very good with cold weather, they can with-

stand the cold," said Sutherland. "However, even in these cases they still need specific things."

Even large, thick-furred, cold-weather enjoying dogs require certain types of food and shelter so as not to cause the dog distress and keep them healthy in extreme cold.

Outdoor shelters and doghouses, for example, should have protection from the wind and no holes, nor a large entrance-way, which can create a wind tunnel.

However, the entrance-way is also needed to help give the shelter ventilation, so that the interior does not become damp and cold

due to moisture from the snow or the dog's breath and body.

Sufficient bedding is usually a generous amount of hay or straw, as carpets or blankets can flatten down and freeze in time.

Snow and frozen water is not a sufficient water source for dogs in the cold, but it can be tricky to get a dog to drink when the temperature is low.

"Like humans, dogs don't always perceive thirst when it's cold out," said Sutherland.

Sutherland went on to say that a specialist recommendation is to add a broth, meat chunks or bits of food to warm water to

bait it and coax the dog to drink that way.

There are also a number of calls that come in regarding concern for feral cats spotted in the area.

"This time of year is pretty hard on the feral cat population; their extremities are susceptible to frostbite," said Sutherland. "It's important to have your cat spayed or neutered if they venture outdoors to help reduce the population."

Questions, concerns, or reports can be called in to the animal control officer or peace officer, or contact your local vet for additional health information and pointers during the cold weather.



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Skating club member to compete in Alberta Winter Games



Carly Dunn practicing at the Didsbury Memorial Arena in 2011.

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BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

One of Didsbury's own will be competing in the Alberta Winter Games this coming February.

Fourteen-year-old Carly Dunn, who has been skating with the Didsbury Figure Skating Club for the last 10 years, competed in the Winter Games Run-Offs, where she qualified to advance to the games.

Dunn had also recently competed in the Junior Bronze category at the Calgary Region Open as well.

"My dad had wanted me to play hockey, but I didn't want to," said Dunn of first getting into figure skating,

opting out of one ice sport for another.

"I was actually really surprised that I had qualified," she added about making it to the Alberta Winter Games.

This will be Dunn's first time competing in a provincial event of this level, but she remains confident and looks forward to taking part.

"I'm really excited, it's good experience," she said. "But I'm also a bit nervous; I've never done a big competition like this before."

To prepare for the games, Dunn is working both on and off the ice and placing some added focus on some areas of her skating that she feels may need improvement, such as her

double jumps.

"My spins are good though; I'm a good spinner," Dunn added when asked what she felt most confident with in her skating. "I have good flow and expression as well."

Dunn's off-ice training consists of stretching, yoga and pilates to further prepare for the big event.

The club's coaches and head coach, Cobi Grisack, have also been stepping up their game to help Dunn achieve her best prior to taking part in the competition.

"My coaches have been pushing me my whole life," said Dunn.

"They know how to push me and know what I want out of skating."

Figure skaters getting ready for Central Regional Funskate

Competitors looking to continue winning trend

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

The Didsbury Figure Skating Club is gearing up for the Central Regional Funskate competition.

The Funskate will be held in Carstairs at the Carstairs Memorial Arena from January 27-29 and will feature 16 STARSkaters and 11 skaters from the club's Canskate program.

The club recently competed in a competition in Olds as well, with several club skaters placing in their categories.

To prepare for the Funskate competition, coaches have had the skaters work on their individual elements.

"They've been practising really hard, they're really

getting ready," said Llonida Leaver, one of the club's coaches.

This won't be the first Funskate for some of the club's members. Skaters Bailey Wever and Kaira Hall both competed in last year's Central Regional Funskate and both managed to place in their categories.

Others, like Kolby Thompson, are finding the frequent practising and coaching instruction very helpful in getting ready and confident for the event.

"They're making us practise a lot, but it's really helping," she said.

There are some nerves involved as well, agree skaters Emma Longeway and Courtney Campbell.

"I'm a little bit nervous,"

said Longeway.

"Last year the skaters did phenomenal, getting golds, silvers and bronzes," said secretary Deanna Campbell.

"We've got great coaches and the skaters have got the drive."

"It's the love of the sport too," added vice-president Renai Thompson. "If they didn't love it they wouldn't do it."

"I think the coaches are more nervous than they are," said Leaver. "But everyone is really excited. It's lots of fun."

The Didsbury Figure Skating Club is seeing a fantastic year outside of competitions as well, with over 100 skaters participating in this season's programs, and their large 50th anniversary carnival coming up in March.

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Incorrect information appeared in the cutline of a submitted Royal Purple photo on page 10 of the January 17, 2012 edition of the *Didsbury Review*. The donated amount to the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children was incorrectly stated and is actually \$100.

As well, the *Didsbury Review* apologizes for the published reprint quality of the submitted photo which inadvertently distorted one of the faces in the photo.



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RCMP Report**Stolen truck from Calgary found stripped bare****Long lost display piece also recovered**

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

A truck that had been stolen from Calgary turned up along Westcott Rd. near Didsbury, between Highway 2 and Highway 2A.

The Dodge Dakota was discovered completely stripped down, with seats, doors, bumpers and

more removed from the vehicle.

Didsbury RCMP are continuing to investigate the matter with the assistance of the forensic identification unit from Red Deer.

A stolen pump jack display, which had first been declared missing from a Didsbury residence over a year ago, was recovered from Red Deer County in the rural Innisfail area.

The display had originally been found in Olds, where the town recovered it after the original thief had left it.

The Red Deer County resident had decided to take the display for their own since the town was going to dispose of it, not knowing who the owner was.

However upon locating the display again, the Red

Deer County residents gladly returned the missing item to its proper owners.

A fence was damaged at the 200 block of West Hill Close in Didsbury between 2 p.m. on January 13 and 9 a.m. on January 14.

A bench had been pulled out of its place and tossed over the fence as well. Damages were minimal, however.

Robberies in Crossfield and Carstairs

BY JENNIFER ISAAC
For The Review

Airdrie RCMP continue to investigate a robbery that occurred around 3:45 p.m. on January 18 at the Alberta Treasury Branch in Crossfield.

"A lone male entered the ATB and demanded money," said Sgt. Patricia Neely with the Airdrie RCMP.

"He indicated that he had a gun, although one was not produced."

An undisclosed amount of money was given to the male, who then fled on foot. No one was injured.

"The male is described as Caucasian, with shoulder-length brown hair," said Sgt. Neely. "He is approximately 5 - 10 tall, with a medium build. He was wearing sunglasses, jeans and a down-filled puffy jacket."

If a member of the public has any information on this crime, please call the Airdrie RCMP at 403-945-

7200 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-262-TIPS.

An undisclosed number of postage stamps and coin sets were stolen from the Carstairs post office after thieves gained entry to the building just after 4 a.m. on January 19.

"Post offices are likely targets for break and enters," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson, detachment commander with the Didsbury RCMP.

The culprits gained access through the security

curtain.

"The forensic identification team from Red Deer was on hand later that morning to investigate," Jacobson added. "At this time, there is no information to suggest that the break-and-enter incident at Zebedeaz Hair is related to this one."

Police are continuing their investigation. If anyone has information on this incident, please contact the Didsbury RCMP at 403-335-3382.



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Bethany Care Society

Opinion

Editorial

Youth tobacco access problem needs solution

DAN SINGLETON



Anti-smoking groups in Alberta have been working very hard over the past decade to reduce youth tobacco use – and to encourage other young people to never take up the habit in the first place.

Those efforts have included lobbying the province to impose strict limits on cigarette displays in convenience stores.

The government has also taken action by passing legislation that makes it unlawful for anyone under the age of 18 to possess any tobacco product.

And while the anti-smoking lobby has undoubtedly convinced a good many young people to reject tobacco use, many other youths, including underage boys and girls, continue to smoke and chew.

Now the findings of a survey conducted by Alberta Action on Smoking and Health, an anti-smoking lobby group, point to at least one major crack in the anti-youth-smoking effort in this province.

ASH recently conducted an undercover operation where it used 16- and 17-year-olds to attempt to purchase cigarettes at convenience stores in urban and rural communities.

The survey found that two-thirds of convenience store clerks approached were prepared to sell tobacco products to young people – even when the shoppers produced identification showing they were in fact underage.

"These results are appalling," said ASH spokesperson Les Hagen. "We have a problem in this province with retailers selling tobacco to minors."

The findings point to a need for Alberta to do more to stop youths getting their hands on tobacco products, he says.

"We are calling for effective provincial legislation to curb tobacco sales to minors," he said.

As well as asking for tougher legislation, the ASH is also floating a fairly radical new idea – that tobacco product sales in Alberta be restricted to adult-only retail shops.

"Tobacco sales need to be regulated in a manner similar to liquor sales with the potential for licence suspensions and higher fines," he said.

While restricting tobacco sales to outlets where young people are not permitted would certainly curtail youth access to cigarettes and chew, such a move would also raise a big question.

That is, why should law-abiding convenience store retailers who currently make a portion of their income selling tobacco to adults lose that income because of the dishonesty of other owners?

While no one can argue that young people should be kept well away from tobacco products, this new ASH proposal may actually be taking things a step too far.

Wouldn't dramatically increasing fines for violating convenience store clerks and owners be a better, and far simpler, solution to the youth tobacco access problem?



COACHING ISN'T JUST A JOB – IT'S AN EMOTION...

Commentary

Kids need the elementary school achievement tests

PETER COWLEY

The Alberta government is about to do something that's going to hurt kids across the province.

Thomas Lukaszuk, Alberta's education minister, says he will end the provincewide elementary school achievement tests – or PATs as they are known – that have been written each year for decades by virtually all of the province's Grade 3 and Grade 6 students.

While the education minister has stated that the PATs will be replaced with another form of assessment, he has vowed that any new tests will be designed so the results cannot be used to compare the academic performance of students at one school with those at another.

Lukaszuk has decided that comparisons, such as those contained in the Fraser Institute's Report Card on Alberta's Elementary Schools, are "a misuse of the data." Yet, it is precisely its comparison-making capacity that makes the Fraser Institute's school report cards so popular with parents and improvement-oriented educators alike.

So why is it important for anyone to be able to compare schools?

Here's an example: The principal at an elementary school and her primary grades teachers are developing a plan to improve their students' academic performance and they want to get ideas on what to do and what achievable targets to set. The school serves the children of lower income families; almost half of the students are ESL (English as a second language) learners and somewhere between 10 per

cent and 20 per cent of them have recognized special needs.

Using the interactive features on the Institute's website, www.compareschoolrankings.org, the team can, in seconds, identify other schools in the province whose students have similar family and personal characteristics and yet have achieved generally better results over the past five years.

With that information in hand, the team can get practical ideas for improvement from their colleagues at the higher performing schools and perhaps adopt those schools' actual results as achievable targets. Who benefits from these well-designed improvement plans? The students, of course.

But Lukaszuk says that's a misuse of data and won't be tolerated.

Here's another example: Teaching teams can directly use the PAT results to the benefit of their students. The results show the team the specific areas of the curriculum that have been mastered by their students and areas in which the students fell short. This feedback can be used to focus improvement of the teaching team's methods on the areas that need it the most.

It's hard to see how improving teaching effectiveness can be considered a misuse of the PAT data.

There are many other ways that educators, parents, researchers, and school board and ministry officials can use the PAT data and the Institute's report cards to help provide a better education to Alberta's children.

Indeed, with all the positive contributions the PATs can make to the future of the province, why is the government committed to getting rid of

them?

The arguments offered by the minister and Premier Alison Redford for eliminating the tests should receive a failing grade. Lukaszuk's only argument for ditching the tests is that the Fraser Institute uses the results to produce school performance reports. That's it. Clearly the minister is not a fan of the Institute's school report cards. But surely that is not reason enough to eliminate the testing and deny the children of Alberta the chance of a better education.

Premier Redford's argument for eliminating the tests is just as weak. The premier reportedly claimed the tests should be stopped because they are too stressful for kids. She has never said why these particular tests are any more stressful than any of the other dozens of tests that elementary students write each school year.

According to international testing, Alberta ranks among the most successful education systems in the world in terms of the level of skills among 15-year-olds in reading, mathematics, and science. The PATs have been an important part of the Alberta educational success story for more than two decades.

If Lukaszuk and Redford want to ensure that the province offers even better learning opportunities to all its children year after year, they should champion the PATs, not eliminate them. After all, such testing provides the measurements upon which effective improvement plans are based.

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Tangible capital assets

On behalf of myself, town council and administration, I would like to wish you all the best of 2012.

I wanted to take this opportunity to talk about Tangible Capital Assets (TCA), what they are, and what they mean for the future.

About three years ago, the provincial government made it a requirement for all municipalities to account for and record the value of all assets (streets, sidewalks, underground piping, equipment and facilities, etc.) As well, municipalities are required to amortize their values each year. Think of amortization as how much of an asset is used in a 12-month period. This is an effort to get a better understanding of what the true infrastructure deficit is in all Alberta communities.

To better understand

TCA and the amortization expense is to think of purchasing a house in 1991.



BRIAN WITTAL

The house has a new roof that will last approximately 20 years. In 1999 the roof is valued at \$10,000. Every year, the homeowner should put away \$500 to fund the future replacement of the roof. By 2011 the homeowner would have \$10,000 in savings to purchase a new roof, how-

ever the same roof in 2011 may cost \$15,000, leaving a shortfall of \$5,000. This is another issue with TCA in that values and amortization are based upon historical cost.

Every asset has a different life cycle expectancy ranging from three years for computers to 75 years for storm water and/or sewer lagoons, making the recording process somewhat complicated.

In Didsbury, the total value of our TCA was calculated at \$53.7M, with life-to-date amortization of \$22.5M giving us a net book value of \$32.9M.

Our amortization expense on our assets is \$1.3M per year. Which means in order for the town to replace these assets within their life cycle, we would need to put away \$1.3M in reserves every year. The amortiza-

tion expense is based upon historical cost and is therefore undervaluing the real expense of using our assets.

In 2011, the town was able to set aside approximately \$300K into reserves, and in our current budget deliberations for 2012 council is considering setting aside \$230K into reserves for TCA amortization expense.

In talking with other surrounding communities about TCA, most are in a very similar or even worse situation where some are not able to put any reserves away towards TCA depreciation.

So what do we do? We extend the use and life cycle of our infrastructure for longer periods of time in an effort to buy time to save the monies needed to replace the infrastructure (only repair what breaks).

That is what has been happening in most municipalities for the past 50+ years and why, when repairs have to be done, they are major repairs because the infrastructure completely fails due to age and use.

We could raise taxes to build up the reserves needed, which would mean a 10 to 15 per cent increase to taxes just to meet our yearly amortization expenses of \$1.3M, which is not a realistic option.

My concern is that if municipalities go down the road of funding their yearly TCA amortization, the province might look and see all those reserves which have been built up and ultimately cut back on grant funding to municipalities, pushing the burden back onto the local taxpayer.

Questions need to be asked of our provincial

government. What are its plans going forward with a new leader in place and an election looming, and how is it going to commit to helping fund this major infrastructure deficit that all Alberta municipalities, urban and rural, have been facing for years?

Council and administration are doing our best to manage the town's TCA to maximize the life and value of these assets, but we can only do so much until the money runs out. We need predictable long-term funding from the province so that we can properly plan, repair or replace infrastructure on a priority basis that best serves all residents and businesses in Didsbury without it becoming a major tax burden to our taxpayers.

Brian Wittal is the mayor of Didsbury



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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday February 14, 2012 at 7:00 pm

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday January 24, 2012 at 7:00 pm

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday February 8, 2012 at 4:30 pm

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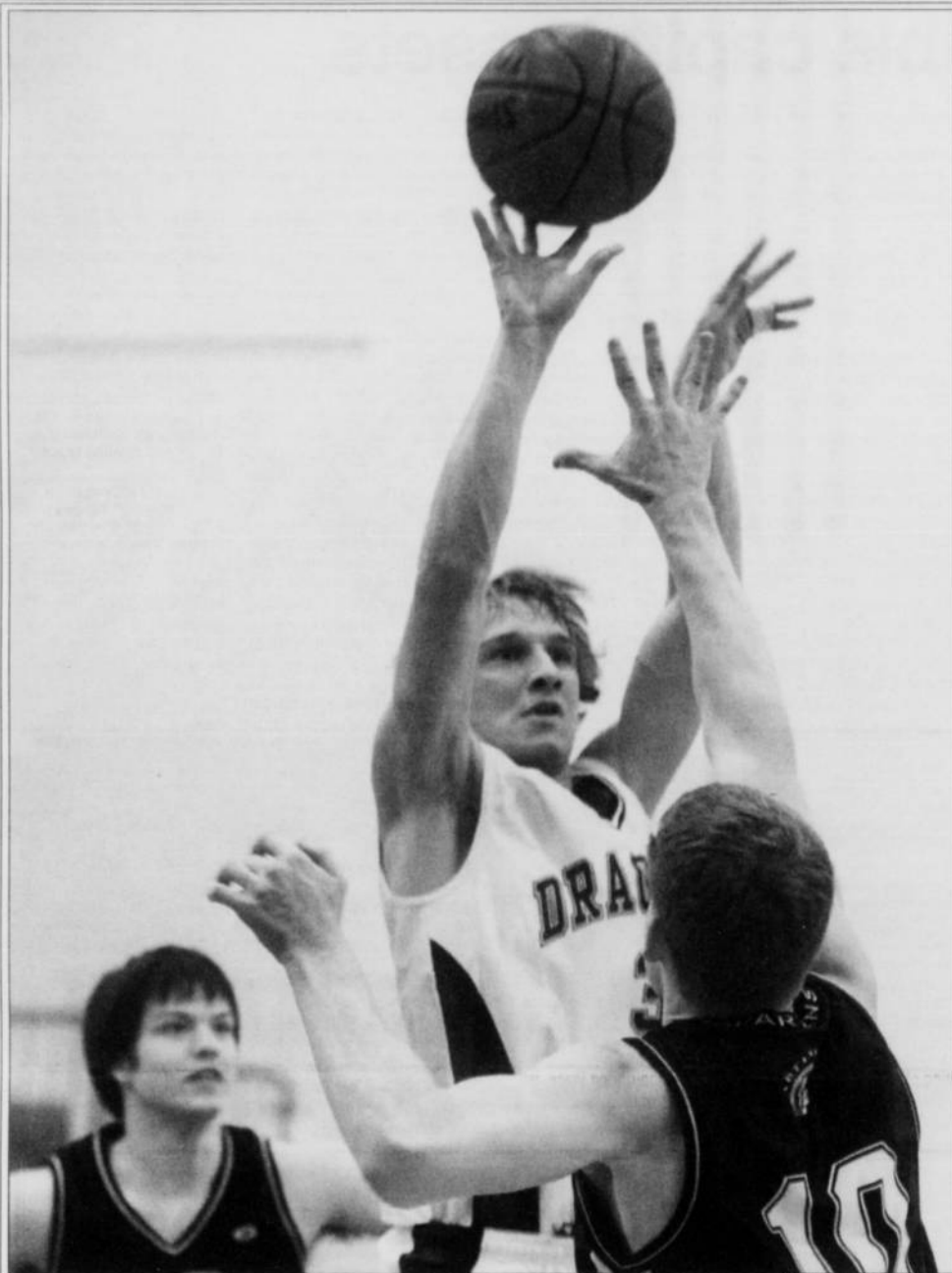
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Didsbury High School Dragons player Pascal Vogeli goes up for a shot during the Dragons game against the Olds High School Spartans at Didsbury High School last Monday. The Spartans won the game 49-31.

Noel West/Didsbury Review

New non-profit arts society comes to county

Mountain View Arts Society comes into being following success of 2011 festival

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

Following the success of the 2011 Mountain View Arts Festival (part of the Alberta Art Days celebrations), organizers and volunteers have taken a new step forward.

The new Mountain View Arts Society has been approved for a non-profit society, and will be able to assist and participate in various artistic events in Mountain View County.

A brainstorming session for the society was held on January 16 at the Community Engagement Site at Didsbury High School to determine what the community would like the society to become and do and to incorporate the brainstormed wishes into the society's new set of group bylaws.

"We'll take what we learned on [the brainstorming evening] and forward it to our plan of action," said chair Kathleen Windsor, who went on to say that there was an excellent attendance and energy during the meeting.

"We received 20 to 30 new ideas. I really felt that, all along, this is the most creative group of people I have ever worked with," said Windsor. "You can't help but feel good at these get-togethers, everyone is so energized and creative."

While the society is still laying down its foundations, it's still a bit too early to announce what prospects the group is hoping to get involved with, and what plans will be for 2012's Mountain View Arts Festival.

"We're looking at things but we haven't committed to any yet," said Windsor. "Eventually we'll be promoting artists, drama clubs at the schools—our focus can be expanded to anything."

As to why the society has just now come to be, Windsor said it was what came next after the success of last year's festival.

"We needed to move forward," Windsor said. "So over the Christmas holidays we applied to be a non-profit society. We knew we could do more that way."

"There is nothing but value in promoting the arts in our community," Windsor added. "We are covering more than just Didsbury. There are more artists per capita in this area of Alberta alone, and more people need to see what they can do. They need more exposure, and sometimes they don't have the budget to do so."

"It's about all of the artists coming together, that was the beauty of the festival. Through the society they can share and network, that's what this is going to do, bring them all together."

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Fall Mercy will be playing at Tracks Pub on January 28.

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Fall Mercy to open for Calgary band at Tracks

BY JULIE BERTRAND
For The Review

Local band Fall Mercy comes back to Tracks to open for Calgary band Kingdom of Few next Saturday at 9 p.m.

Fall Mercy plays a blend of rock/pop music. On the band's MySpace page, it names the All-American Rejects, OneRepublic, and Faber Drive as influences.

"We are passionate about our music, and to make our live show something to remember," says Mack Sheppard, lead vocalist and

guitarist.

"My inspiration as the writer for the band comes from either other music or mostly people, and situations I am in."

The band was started two and half years ago when Sheppard was a student at Olds Koinonia Christian School.

"The band started with me and a buddy from school. Then, we wanted a drummer so we found one," said Sheppard.

While Sheppard is the band's front man, Karl Sawatzky, a former Didsbury resident, and

Luke Sheppard provide additional guitars and backing vocals. Matt Sayer plays bass and Mark Nodwell is the drummer. Tanner Bexon recently became the band's keys/synthesizer player.

Fall Mercy has a four-song demo, which is out on the band's MySpace page.

"We are hoping to hit the studio this spring," said Sheppard.

Fall Mercy will play another show in Didsbury in February, and is planning shows for Calgary and Edmonton in the next months.



Hello again from Novice 1. It's been a busy couple of months for this team ... playing close to 10 games before mid-November and then heading to beautiful Banff for a tournament in December. No one had any complaints about heading to that lovely community! It

might sound like a lot, but for these hockey players this is just the beginning. Novice 1 is off to a game in High River on January 7 then will get down to the business of hosting a tournament right here in Didsbury the weekend of January 13-15. Make sure you stop down at

the arena to cheer on the home town team! The rest of the month will be ... more hockey as we head to Rockyford for a tournament there and then prepare to take on Strathmore and Claresholm. Stay tuned for the progress report as the season continues.

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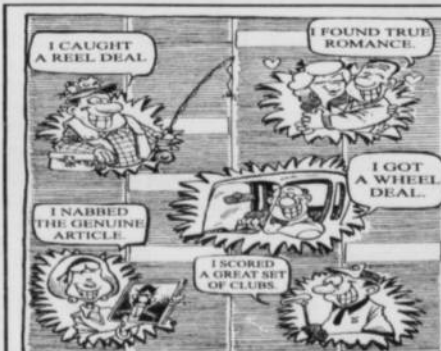
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Carstairs runner qualifies for Boston Marathon

BY JENNIFER ISAAC
For the Review

A group of 10 Carstairs-area runners travelled to Phoenix recently to participate in the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon Series held on January 15.

"Nine of us did the half marathon, which was 21.1 kilometres," said Lara Pawluk, who placed 4251 out of 15,663 runners. "Sharon Styles Hamm finished her first full marathon and qualified for the Boston Marathon to be held in April 2013."

Styles Hamm ran the full 42 kilometre course and placed 232 out of 3863 runners. "She was fifth in her age division and her time was three hours, 20 minutes and 34 seconds," Pawluk added.

"I was really happy with my time," said Styles Hamm. "I enjoyed every step until I hit Mile 21.5, when muscle pain started to hit. Then around 23 miles, it got really hard."

She explained that from that point on, the race became a mental battle of "body versus mind." "You really have to pace yourself at that point," she said.

Styles Hamm started training for the marathon in September, running five days a week, while helping to train others. One of her pre-race rituals is to "eat popcorn the night before the race."

"The crowds were really amazing," she added. "There were live bands playing great music every couple of miles. It was really cool."

The names of the other participants followed by their race placements are: Jen Awde, 5338; Tracey Hartzler, 5557; Mark Hartzler, 4395; Cheryl Hewitt, 4853; Charity McGonigal, 12,470; Marie Moroz, 5249; Jackie Schaffer, 7015; and Thane Schaffer, 2889.

Each of the runners has a specific training program, ranging from bootcamp, swimming, spinning and running. "Some did running programs and others combined cross training with running," Pawluk said.

"I enjoyed every step until I hit Mile 21.5, when muscle pain started to hit. Then around 23 miles, it got really hard."

SHARON STYLES HAMM

Some of the highlights of the race included bands, cheerleaders and fans along the route, she said. "Plus it was great to run in a warm location in the winter," she said.

One of the challenges for Charity McGonigal was a pain in her left foot that began at around the six-mile mark. "My biggest challenge was having to continue running the remaining seven miles in that condition," McGonigal said. "The highlight for me was completing the race."

Jackie Schaffer enjoyed the hilly and scenic part of the course that began at mile nine. "Plus, it's always a highlight for me to read the shirts of other runners, stating who they're running for," she said. "One woman I passed has had multiple sclerosis for 17 years. It's hard not to find inspiration in that."

Tracey Hartzler said she enjoyed running the race with her husband, Mark. "Even though he beat me," she said.

The runners follow a cold weather training regime that is a combination of



Sharon Styles Hamm of Carstairs qualified for the Boston Marathon during the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon held in Phoenix in January.

outside running, indoors on the track at the Carstairs Memorial Arena and personal treadmills. "Our outside runs started in the dark, with a few headlamps to guide us," said Pawluk.

Next, some of the runners are preparing for the Glencoe Icebreaker 10K in Calgary on April 1 and the Canmore Women's Run in May.

Subdivision to include affordable housing approved

BY SYLVIA COLE
For the Review

Didsbury-based Clay Cup Developer is expected to start construction on an \$8-million housing project in Innisfail this spring or early summer.

Innisfail council approved Clay Cup Developer's subdivision application for a 33-unit apartment style complex off the town's Woodland Road in recent weeks.

The multi residential unit will include 16 affordable housing units, as part of a \$1.6-million provincial Housing Capital Initiative grant the company received last year to go towards the capital costs of one- and two-bedroom apartments, provided at below market costs.

Original plans announced last year included a 24-unit apart-

ment complex with 16 additional townhouses. The plans have since changed to include a 33-unit apartment complex, with the first two floors designated for one- and two-bedroom apartments and the top floor providing bachelor and studio space.

"We changed the unit types," explained Brittany Wickham, Chief Operating Officer for Clay Cups Developers.

"... We did a market study and bachelor suites and studio suites are in need so we just revised that to provide a different style of accommodation."

The project was expected to start last fall but finding land and getting through the subdivision and re-subdivision process held them back, said Wickham.

"Now we have that and

the drawings are ready to go."

During the public hearing for the subdivision, Craig Teal, director of planning and development for Innisfail, said one letter of concern was received, and four phone calls were made — only one of which expressed concern.

Concerns made were over the appearance of the building. Neighbouring residents said the look of a previous multi family building constructed in the Woodlands area advertised as a luxury condo ended up as low-level quality. In a letter to council, Denis Hendrick said he was concerned other new development in the area would turn out the same, and lower the value of his property.

Wickham spoke to council and said as part of the

housing grant agreement the company will own the building for 20 years.

"We want to take care of it so ... when 20 years expires it can be redeveloped or brought up to a higher standard," she said. She presented council and the public with a drawing of the proposed building.

Another concern was over the quality of Woodland Road, something residents explained in a letter was not brought back up to standards since the construction of a different housing unit was completed.

Teal said this is something typically discussed during the development permit stage of an agreement to try and manage dust and debris.

"That's certainly a priority in my mind too," agreed Innisfail mayor Jim Romane.

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Charley Frank Steen

Charley Frank Steen passed away peacefully at the Bethany Care Centre in Airdrie, January 2, 2012 at the age of 90. Charley was born July 12, 1921 in Sundre to Howard and Susie Steen. While Charlie wasn't among the very first settlers to the area, he knew many of them and truly represented their pioneer hardiness and way of life. At seven he rode along on a pack trip that was to go from Sundre to Banff. As a young teenager he would often do the work of men: from helping neighbours, to helping his grandparents at Nanton with threshing. Even though they worked 12 hour days with no coffee breaks these were some of Charley's fondest memories. At 15, Charley helped his dad build the Steen Ranch along the Fallen Timber River. From literally riding the range looking after cattle as a teenager, Charley became quite a talented roper. He joined a roping club at Sundre and later travelled to many ropings and rodeos around the country. After a short time in the Army during World War II, Charley later worked for a seismic company at Cochrane and for the Fyten Brothers sawmill. Ranching and the western way of life were where his heart was and where he spent most of his time, except for an annual trek to the Calgary Stampede to work behind the chutes. In his retirement years, with his lifelong work ethic still going strong, Charley built his dream retreat consisting of a log cabin, log garage and log barn plus various outbuildings, by hand and by himself. Charley had a special connection and love for animals, especially horses and dogs. This, his love for rodeo and hard work, kept him going in retirement as he continued to live alone and totally self-reliant well into his 80s. Charley was predeceased by his parents, Howard and Susie Steen and his sister Lola. Never married, Charley is survived by his nephews Cary and Bob Mastin, Cary's family, numerous first and second cousins, as well as a few close friends and neighbours, including the Whittles. Charley is truly the end of an era. A memorial service will be held 2:00 pm Saturday, January 28, 2012 at the Bergen Hall. Memorial donations may be made directly to the Bethany Care Centre in Airdrie. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd. Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610
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THOMPSON, Delbert Bryce
 January 14, 1930 - January 14, 2012

Delbert Bryce Thompson of Calgary, passed away on January 14, 2012 at the age of 82 years. Bryce, as he is known to family and friends, was born in Provost, Alberta. He received his schooling in Millicent and Didsbury, Alberta. He graduated from the University of Alberta in 1953 with a degree in Pharmacy. Bryce received a certificate on Hospital Pharmacy from Jefferson Medical College Hospital in Philadelphia, Penn. in 1964. He spent 34 and a half years in the Pharmacy Department of the Calgary General Hospital, 14 of those as director of Pharmacy. Bryce enjoyed travelling, having visited six continents. He also enjoyed bridge, cribbage and various forms of theatre, and concerts with his friends. Bryce is survived by his partner of seventeen years, Jim Clapson, Brother Glen (Gwyn), two nieces, two nephews and 8 great-nieces and nephew and 3 great-great-nephews and niece. He is predeceased by a brother Osborne in 1943, his father in 1993 and his mother in 2003. A celebration of Bryce's life will be held at McInnis & Holloway's, Chapel of Bells (2720 Centre Street North, Calgary) on January 27, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. Condolences may be forwarded through www.mcinnisandholloway.com. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to the Canadian Diabetes Association, 45 Montreal Road, Ottawa, On K1L 6E8, or to charity of choice. In living memory of Bryce Thompson, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park by McInnis & Holloway Funeral Homes Chapel of Bells, 2720 Centre Street North, Calgary Telephone (403) 276-2296.

ROBERTSON - Grant
 February 23, 1923 - January 14, 2012

Grant Robertson passed away peacefully in Calgary with his family by his side at the age of 88 years. He is survived by his beloved wife, Dorothy Robertson; two sons: Jim (Tasha) and Bruce (Alina); two grandchildren: Taylor and Kyle and sister, Margaret Bailey of Elmira, Oregon. To email expressions of sympathy: mountainview@arbormemorial.com subject heading: Grant Robertson. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Memorial Gardens, Funeral Home and Crematorium, 1605 - 100 Street SE, Calgary AB, T1X 0L4. (403) 272-5555 www.mountainviewmemorial.ca

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